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Title: FIGHTING IS AN ART

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Lesson One: In fighting,  
thou must never lose, no  
matter what thou must  
do. Anyone fighting thee  
is an enemy. An enemy  
must be destroyed. During  
battle thou wilt be  
confronted by thine  
enemy. Thou must defeat  
him, or thou wilt bring  
disgrace upon thyself, thy  
clan, and thy trainer.  
Battles are always on the  
horizon. Thou must train  
hard, and work thyself  
hard. Thou must think  
battle, eat battle, sleep  
battle if thou dost  
expect to be victorious.  
Those warriors who do  
not think they can do  
this should contemplate  
another line of work.

Knowing thy weapon is  
the greatest value. Be it  
sword, mace, or bow, thou  
must train with it until  
mastery if thou dost  
want to be a true  
warrior. If thou hast not  
the time or the mind to  
train in this fashion then  
thou shouldst perhaps  
train with the shovel and  
the carrying of animal  
wastes from the fields  
instead. It is better for  
thee to serve thy clan  
as best as thou canst,  
though it be a less than  
knight-worthy post, than  
for thee to run in battle  
and endanger thy  
comrades.

Anyone caught running  
away from a battle

should be put to the  
sword immediately, lest  
others feel that they  
may let their womanish  
fears prevail. The true  
knight is not he who  
fights battles, but he  
who relishes in the  
spilling of blood. He who  
is enthralled with the  
smell of a bowel split  
wide, or the sight of  
another's blood staining  
his sword and armour,  
should be praised above  
all. This is what a true  
knight seeks. He is a  
true master in the arts  
of fighting.